



"Eddy the Ready Dragon"

# Emergency Management Mid-Monthly Message

## Eddy says...

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### **Why are Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) important to me?**

Receiving a wireless emergency alert during an emergency can keep you and your loved ones safe. With more devices than Americans, it's logical emergency personnel view mobile devices as important communications tools to alert people as soon as possible that their lives or property are seriously at risk.

These alerts are text-like messages alerting you of imminent threats to safety in their area. Here are some important pieces of information about WEA:

- Warnings can be sent to your mobile device when you may be in harm's way.
- Types of alerts include: Tsunami, tornado, flash flood, and hurricane warnings.
- "On-the-go" you can receive lifesaving alerts at any location.
- WEAs are broadcasted from area cell towers
- Alerts will be sent if traveling into a location that will or is being affected by an emergency.
- Messages are designed to be brief in order to get your attention to the critical information. The message will be less than 90 characters. Which include the following: who is sending the alert, what is happening, who is affected, and what action to take.
- Free! The messages are provided by wireless carriers at no cost and it will also not count towards a text message limit on your wireless plan.
- Get updated! You will be notified of condition changes during an emergency.
- Messages will be delivered despite any network congestion.

Find out more about on the Emergency Alert System by viewing the EAS factsheet at:

<http://fema.gov/emergency-alert-system>

Emergency Management Training – 609-754-3731 and sharepoint site:

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-OT-AM-29/default.aspx>

